

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, November 15, 2010, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips
Alderman Valerie Joh
Alderman Larry A. Munsey

Alderman Tom C. Parham
Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Vice-Mayor Mallicote and Alderman Marsh.
3. **SESSION TICKLER.** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave an update on the Netherland Inn Bumpout, noting the bidding will go out in early December and that the main concern is how to maintain traffic in the area while the roadway is closed for about a week.

Alderman Parham questioned the status of the Meadowview project. City Manager Campbell stated he had pictures available of recent progress. Mayor Phillips commented that future building projects approved by the BMA would likely include a penalty clause for delays.

Reggie Martin gave an update on the Kingsport Carousel project. He pointed out that the first horse had been completed in Soddy-Daisy and would be picked up on Wednesday to be displayed in the Christmas Parade. Some discussion followed mentioning the upcoming carving classes and the availability of carousel animal sponsorship by local businesses.

4. **UPDATE ON FARMERS MARKET.** Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt gave a presentation on this item, describing the future concept and design for this property. This will be a multi-use facility featuring not only the Farmers Market, but the Carousel as well. There will also be public space to accommodate over 1,000 people and an indoor museum for local historical items. Discussion ensued regarding the process and timeline. Mr. McCartt stated the next steps would be to get refined estimates to put in the Capital Improvement Plan so that demolition can begin. Mayor Phillips stated he did not want anything to interfere with next year's market.

5. **WILCOX STREET LIGHT UPDATE.** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave an update on this item stating that half of Wilcox Drive (from John B. Dennis Highway to Jan Way) would be completed soon. The other half will be finished next year due to budgetary concerns. Mayor Phillips clarified this would light the intersection that he had received several complaints about.

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6. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON NOVEMBER 16, 2010 REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA. City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.AA.1 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Approve/ Amend Zoning of the Colonial Heights Road – Slaughter Farm and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 347-2010). City Manager Campbell requested the BMA defer this item for a couple of months while the Sewer Capital Improvement Plan was being updated.

VI.AA.2 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Warrior Falls 2010 – Section A Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 358-2010). City Planner Jason Meredith presented this item noting minimal impact to the school system and the average savings for each property owner. He commented that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to send a positive recommendation for the annexation, further stating only one citizen spoke in opposition at the meeting and two via phone call after the meeting.

VI.AA.3 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Warrior Falls 2010 – Section B Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 359-2010). See Item VI.AA.2.

VI.AA.5 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Colonial Heights Area 2 Part A Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 366-2010). City Planner Ken Weems gave a presentation on this item, discussing the impact on schools and the average property owner. He also noted the Planning Commission voted unanimously to send a favorable recommendation for this annexation. Three residents have spoken in opposition (two at the Planning Commission meeting and one via phone call). Responding to a question from Alderman Munsey, Mr. Weems explained the savings to the property owners.

VI.AA.6 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Colonial Heights Area 2 Part B Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 367-2010). See Item VI.AA.5.

VI.AA.7 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Colonial Heights Area 2 Part C Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 368-2010). See Item VI.AA.5.

VI.B.1 Consideration of a Budget Ordinance to Appropriate Funds Received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Program from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Office of Criminal Justice Programs (AF: 372-2010). City Manager Campbell answered questions regarding the extensive work that has been put into this grant, what expenses it will cover and the areas in the city to be targeted. Discussion ensued on how these positions would be retained when the three year grant period is over.

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VI.B.2 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Loan Agreement with the State of Tennessee for the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative and an Ordinance to Appropriate Funds (AF: 353-2010). Item VI.D.9 was also addressed at this time. Russ Nelson with Energy Savings Group responded to questions from the Board regarding details of the school equipment replacement process as well as the nature of operational savings.

VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Contract Amendment 1 to the Safe Routes to School Agreement Number 090056 with the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation to Extend the Project Completion Deadline and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 363-2010). City Manager Campbell stated this was a formality to extend the project so the work could be done when school lets out next summer. Mayor Phillips questioned if there was a chance for a price increase because of the delay, to which Mr. Campbell answered no.

VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Offer and Authorize the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary for the Acquisition of 3820 Memorial Boulevard (AF: 365-2010). City Manager Campbell gave details on this item stating that the Fire Department will need an additional ladder truck in the near future and the most optimal station to place it would be Station 3. To meet the required turning radius for this truck, some additional property needs to be acquired. Mr. Campbell further stated the property owner has agreed to sell for the appraisal price, noting this would be the City's best opportunity to purchase. Since only a portion of this parcel is actually needed by the fire station, some discussion followed on what could be done with the remainder, as well as possible funding considerations.

VI.D.10 Consideration of a Resolution Calling on our Federal Legislators to Protect and/or Restore Federal Mass Transit Operating Funding Jeopardized by the Proposed Agglomeration of the Kingsport and Johnson City Urban Areas (AF: 373-2010). Community and Government Relations Director Tim Whaley provided details on this item stating the Census Bureau is considering merging the Kingsport and Johnson City urban areas since they now touch for about 0.8 of a mile along State Route 75 near Boone Lake. He noted there could be many impacts - positive, negative and many unknown. After some discussion, Mr. Whaley clarified that for now we are not opposing the entire agglomeration, we are simply asking the State to hold harmless the Kingsport Area Transit System.

VI.D.11 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with Sullivan County and Bluff City for Animal Control and Operation of Animal Shelters (AF: 374-2010). City Attorney Billingsley pointed out that the Board had previously approved this agreement between Sullivan County and Kingsport. Bluff City has now joined the agreement and changes need to be made to the Board of Directors. Bristol is also considering joining in the future.

BOARD COMMENT. None.


PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

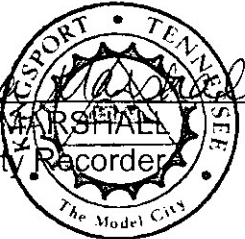
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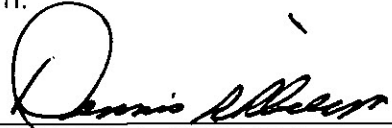
Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds mentioned the garbage and recycle pick-up schedule for next week will be changed due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The biggest difference from last year is that Tuesday pick-up will move to Monday, Wednesday pick-up will be on Tuesday and Thursday/Friday pick-up will now be on Wednesday. He noted this will appear on Channel 16 and he would also mention it tomorrow night at the regular business meeting.

Community and Government Relations Director Tim Whaley commented that the Rock, Mineral and Jewelry Show this past weekend was very successful with 17 vendors and over 300 attendees on Saturday.

7. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor